Smith backs Oteri on 'pot'  
By John Furum

Two Philadelphia men have been put on trial in Suffolk Superior Court, charged with the possession of marijuana. The case could prove to be an important factor in the possible future legalization of marijuana.

An MIT professor, D. Houston-Costis of the Department of Humanities, testified in a pre-trial hearing on September 9. At that time he told the court that marijuana was more of a matter for individual decision than present law allowed. His questioner was Joseph S. Oteri, lawyer for the two accused men and supporter of the legalization law.

"Less dangerous than alcohol?" was the question. Oteri answered, "For example, this case could go to the Supreme Court, if necessary."  

Professor Smith's feelings mingled  
Questioned about his own feelings on the subject of pot, Professor Smith replied that he is not sure whether complete legalization would be moral. He is sure, however, about the "wrongness of the current nature of the penalty. What is now a felony should certainly be no more than a misdemeanor."

Smith further stated that one could make marijuana control—control much like that presently on alcohol: (1) a minimum age for use, and (2) restrictions on such activities as deviating under its influence.

In Suffolk Court testimony the same day, Dr. Nicholas Malleson, visiting fellow from the University of London, said that sixty nations made a grave mistake in signing a treaty classifying marijuana as a dangerous drug in a class with heroin.

Changes will improve Institute phone system  
Recent alterations on the second floor of building 10 spotlight a part of MIT often taken for granted: the telephone extension system.

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Mr. Berlin emphasized that recent crossing of fraternities and dormitories is the result of New England Telephone Company cable repairs in the Back Bay area, and are not connected with changes in the central MIT switchboard.

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